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1. [REDACTED] the Frankfurt/Oder border station was passed by 56 east-bound freight trains totaling 2,210 freight cars and by 49 west-bound freight trains totaling 1,850 freight cars.

a. Almost one third of the east-bound trains (18 trains with 695 freight cars) carried machines, machine parts, iron girders, rails and structural parts for bridges, both packed and unpacked in boxes, from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the Soviet Union. These shipments were obviously reparations from the current Soviet Zone of Germany machine production.

b. An additional 19 freight trains, totaling 758 boxcars under Soviet guard passed for the Soviet Union.

c. Most of these trains may have contained uranium ore shipments but some of them probably also transported convicts from Soviet Zone of Germany concentration camps to the Soviet Union. Nineteen new and empty express train coaches which passed Frankfurt/Oder for the Soviet Union on 10 November 1949 came from the Dessau (E 52/E 17) Railroad Car Plant or the Amendorf (E 52/D 92) Railroad Car Plant, both assigned to the Transmasn Soviet Corporation.

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2. [REDACTED] almost 37 percent of the trains (18 trains totaling 736 railroad cars) from the Soviet Union to the west were empty. However, most of the west-bound trains consisting of boxcars (13 trains totaling 494 railroad cars) may also have been empty. The great number of west-bound tank car shipments is noteworthy. (Five trains totaling 178 tank cars and four trains which, in addition to boxcars, also had a number of tank cars). Only one train with 37 tank cars left for the Soviet Union in the same period. However, the annexed list does not indicate whether the tank cars were filled and what kind of fuel the tank cars contained.

3. Only two trains (totaling 34 railroad cars) carried former PWs and

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civilian internees from the Soviet Union to Frankfurt/Oder in the first half of November.

1 Annex: List of freight trains which passed Frankfurt/Oder from 1 November to 15 November 1949

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